

WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Fox, Public Member, Chairperson
Kathy Conrad, RDH
Maxine Janis, RDH
Joella Pyatt, RDH

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Kirby Putscher, Deputy Executive Director
Becky Peterson, Program Representative

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen Gaylord, RDH, Washington State Dental Hygienists
Association
Melissa Johnson, Washington State Dental Hygienists Association

The Dental Hygiene Examining Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 23, 2004, at the WestCoast Red Lion Inn, Cascade Room, 18220 Pacific Highway South, SeaTac, Washington 98188.

ITEMS ON AGENDA

OPEN SESSION:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m. by Pete Fox, Public Member, Chairperson.

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda of April 23, 2004 was approved as presented.

B. Approval of January 23, 2004 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of January 23, 2004 were approved as presented.

C. Introduction of New Committee Member

Ms. Brown introduced the newest member of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee, Joella Pyatt, RDH. Ms. Pyatt presented a brief overview of her background to the Committee members.

2. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT

A. Update on Other 2004 Legislation

Ms. Brown advised the Committee that there was no other legislation passed in the 2004 session that affected them.

B. Licensing and Disciplinary Statistics

The Committee was presented an update of the disciplinary statistics for the time period of January 1, 2004 to April 22, 2004. Upon review and discussion, the Committee requested staff to prepare a policy on having all “standard of care” cases sent to a reviewing Committee member to obtain their input on the case.

C. Staff Changes

Ms. Brown updated the Committee on current staff. Erin Obenland has been hired as the Health Services Consultant 1 and staff will be doing interviews for the Office Assistant Senior position. It is hoped that within a few weeks, this position will be filled with a permanent employee, as there is currently a temporary person in this position.

3. ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6554 – ELIMINATING BARRIERS FOR LICENSURE

The Committee was presented for their information a copy of the implementation plan for Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6554 – Eliminating Barriers for Licensure. After discussion, the Committee requested to have a brainstorming session on the next agenda for possible rules that may be needed to implement this legislation as it relates to Dental Hygiene for the Initial and Renewed Limited License.

4. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL HYGIENIST'S ASSOCIATION (WSDHA)

Ms. Brown presented to the Committee a copy of the letter the Department had received from the Washington State Dental Hygienist's Association (WSDHA) relating to the following: issues surrounding the Customer Service Center; the testimony presented on behalf of the Department for the Eliminating Barriers to Licensure bill and examiners for the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) examinations. The Committee was advised that a memorandum had been sent to the Customer Service Center and staff of Health Professions Section 3 concerning the exemption to practice in health care facilities; staff had checked on the issue of the Department's testimony and finally the examiners for the WREB examinations.

The Committee requested staff to provide them with a copy of the WREB contract for their review and to finalize and mail their letter of concern on the WREB restorative examiners.

5. RE-EVALUATION OF PARTICIPANTS FOR 2004 ANNUAL CONFERENCES

The Committee discussed who the participants would be for the conferences for the time period of July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. The final decision of the Committee was that Kathy Conrad, RDH will be the representative on the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) Board of Directors meeting and Western Conference in July, 2004; Joella Pyatt, RDH will attend the American Dental Association (ADA) and American Association of Dental Examiners (AADE) meeting in September – October, 2004 and Maxine Janis, RDH will be the representative on the WREB Dental Hygiene Examination Review Committee (ERC.)

A. CRDTS Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee – September, 2004 – Maxine Janis, RDH representative

After discussion, it was decided that Maxine Janis, RDH will attend the CRDTS Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee meeting in September, 2004.

B. CRDTS Steering Committee Meeting – October, 2004 – Kathy Conrad, RDH representative

After discussion, it was decided that Kathy Conrad, RDH will attend the CRDTS Steering Committee Meeting in October, 2004.

6. 2003 – 2005 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Ms. Brown gave a presentation to the Committee outlining the process used and the figures for the 2003 – 2005 biennium budget for the Dental Hygiene program.

7. RE-EVALUATION OF 2004 MEETING LOCATIONS

The Committee discussed the issue of holding a meeting on the east side of the state. After discussion, the decision was to hold the August 20, 2004 meeting in Kennewick. Kathy Conrad, RDH will check on the possibility of holding the meeting in the Group Health Facility and let staff know once this has been arranged. The location of the October 29, 2004 will still be at the RedLion Inn at SeaTac.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following will be added to the August 20, 2004 agenda:

- Drug and law examination (closed session)
- Rules for implementation plan on ESSB 6554
- Any department sponsored request legislation for 2005
- Legislation in general – Dental Sunrise
- Report on WREB Board of Directors meeting – Kathy Conrad, RDH
- Report on WREB Dental Hygiene ERC meeting – Maxine Janis, RDH

9. CONSENT AGENDA - CORRESPONDENCE

The following items and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the Committee's information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a committee member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business agenda. Otherwise, there will be no discussion of these items.

- A. Information from the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) dated March 15, 2004 regarding the July Board of Directors, Dental and Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee meetings
- B. Copy of the Tri-City Herald article regarding the Open Public Meetings Act
- C. Information from the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) dated February 13, 2004 regarding validity support for WREB examinations

D. Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC) News and Views

10. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS – (For discussion only)

There was no other business to be discussed at this meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m. on Friday, April 23, 2004.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki L. Brown, Program Manager

Pete Fox, Public Member, Chairperson